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1. The following members of the Partido Socialista de Nicaragua (PSN) were elected on 26 May 1949 to the 12-man governing council of the newly organized Asociacion Nacional de Defensa Inquilinaria:

Manuel Perez Estrada
Modesto Buitrago

First Secretary of the Umta
Propaganda, Press and Radio
Secretary
Treasurer
Legal Secretary
Director
Director

Federico Cespedes Cepeda
Rodolfo Cuadra
Adolfo Espinoza Castillo
Pedro Turcios

The Asociacion was formed to fight for the rights of those not owning property and to secure a new rent control law.*

2. Almost immediately after the governing council of the Asociacion had been elected and the Confederacion General del Trabajo (CGT) had been approved by Somoza as the official national labor organization, the PSN Executive Committee ordered Pedro Turcios to go to Matagalpa, Nicaragua, to direct the organization of the labor movement there.
3. On 13 May the Board of Directors of the CGT and the Executive Committee of the Federacion de Obreros y Campesinos de Managua, a CGT affiliate, met to discuss plans for a labor congress to be held in Managua in June 1949. Domingo Vargas, Guillermo Suarez Rivas and Abel Garay, all PSN members, were requested to draw up the agenda.

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Comment. The PSN has seized upon this idea as a good opportunity for expanding its organizational activities throughout the country, and the Executive Committee has decided to use the Asociacion as a convenient propaganda and revolutionary device. Political agitation on the part of the PSN appears to be starting, and the Party will attach itself to any movement which promises to better its expressed position as the only legitimate representative of the proletariat.

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